

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.01 pm
Time finished – 7.07 pm

Protecting Vulnerable Adults Overview and Scrutiny Board

24 January 2017

Present: Councillor J Khan (Chair)
Councillors Evans, Froggatt, Hudson, Ingall, Raju, Turner and Webb

25/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Evans, who was expecting to arrive late at the meeting.

26/16 Late Items

There were no late items.

27/16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest in housing related items as a Council appointed member of the Derby Homes Board.

28/16 Parkland View Extra Care Update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People's Services updating the Board on the successful completion of Parkland View extra care scheme. It was reported that the Parkland View Extra Care scheme was officially opened on 8th December, providing 82 affordable flats for older people within Darley ward, 62 for rent and 20 for sale on a shared ownership basis. It was also reported that the Scheme proved popular with potential residents and that all available rental flats were filled and 65% of owner-occupier flats were sold subject to contract within 4 months of completion. The Board were informed that this compared favourably with the previous new Scheme, Sunnyfields where it took 7 months for all the 70 rental flats to be occupied.

Members were further informed that the Council is contracting an on-site care team who provide the Planned Care (agreed after a social care assessment), a 24/7 Emergency Response to alarm calls, and Core Care that supports residents to be independent and to access community facilities. Residents also have the option to make their own arrangements for their Planned Care. In addition, schemes provide onsite community facilities including a small shop for essentials, a restaurant, laundry, supported bathing suite, hairdressers, community area and on site activities.

Members queried the care package costs and what savings, if any, were achieved through the delivery of extra care. Officers informed the Board that for people with an existing community care package or living in residential care who prior to moving into extra care, there was an average decrease of 18% over the first 3 months, a saving of £61 a week per person with an estimated £3,200 annual saving per person. In many instances extra care can provide an alternative to residential care. The average domiciliary care package in Parklands, £273 a week compares favourably with the minimum 'very dependent elderly' rate the Council pays for residential care of £460 a week. Members were reassured that, as most residents qualify for Housing Benefit, this equates to a saving for the Council without an increased financial burden on the resident.

Members queried the care package for nursing care but were informed that those requiring nursing care would not be cared for through an extra care scheme. It was clarified for the Board that the Council had been looking after some residents on a residential care level due to mobility needs and other needs that can be addressed through the nature of the build and facilities of an extra care scheme.

Members inquired of the levels of extra care that would be needed in the city to meet the future need of residents, and were informed that in the region the Council is aiming to achieve 900 extra care units by 2030. Members challenged why the Council was not further investing in extra care to try and achieve this and make further savings, and were informed that the development of extra care requires substantial capital investment and would require in the region of four years investment before the savings return would be realised. Officers reported that in the current economic climate this makes the development of further Council-led extra care schemes clarified very difficult to achieve. Officers clarified that further Government announcements on Housing Benefit were expected following the outcomes of consultation in the Autumn, which could impact on extra care delivery, and that this would be reported back to the Board at this time.

The Board praised the completed scheme but recognised that issues had arisen during the build of the scheme. The Board queried the mechanism by which the Council is learning from these issues and requested that an Action Plan be developed to address these issues and take forward best practice.

The Board resolved to:

- 1) Request that officers develop an Action Plan to address lessons learnt from the Parkview extra care scheme development and take forward best practice into future developments; and**
- 2) Request that a report on the delivery of Extra Care and changes to the housing benefit scheme be added to the future work programme.**

29/16 Work Programme and Topic Review

The Board received a report on behalf of the Strategic Director of People Services which allowed officers to inform the Board of the suggested key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects for discussion or inclusion in the work programme and gave Members the opportunity to consider and agree the items which were contained in Appendix 2.

It was reported that an update of the Access to GP Surgeries Topic Review would be provided by Cate Edwynn, the Director of Public Health, in the new municipal year, following the results and analysis of data from the survey on GP access.

Members also asked for a report on the relationship between social care and health to be added to the work programme for the new municipal year, including the use of personal budgets in the city and any relevant statistical data. Members also requested the next Healthwatch Derby update be removed from the work programme and replaced with a meeting of the Healthwatch representative and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board to discuss any specific issues that the Board may wish to focus on over the next municipal year.

Resolved to:

- 1) Add a report on the relationship between social care and health, including the use of personal budgets in the city and any relevant statistical data to the work programme for the new municipal year;**
- 2) Remove the Healthwatch Derby update from the work programme and replace this with a meeting of the Healthwatch representative and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board to discuss any specific issues that the Board may wish to focus on over the next municipal year;**
- 3) Include a further report on the delivery of Extra Care and changes to the housing benefit scheme on the work programme for Autumn 2017;**
- 4) Request that the Democratic Services Officer develop a draft work programme for the start of the next municipal year in collaboration with the Director of Adult Social Care Services and other senior officers for consideration by the Board.**

MINUTES END